

Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates--Other Types of Care1. Drug Rates--Other Types of Care

- a. The upper limit for payment for prescription is whether legend items (for which a prescription is required under federal law) or non-legend items are based on the following methods:
  - (1) Cost as defined by the State agency, plus a dispensing fee.
  - (2) Cost is defined as actual cost of the drug product to the pharmacist.
- b. The above provisions do not apply to payment for drugs in institutions where drugs are included in a reimbursement formula or where a public agency makes bulk purchases of drugs. In the latter instance, payments are made in accordance with the governmental statutes and regulations governing such purchases.

NOTE: The major portion of pharmaceuticals is distributed by Health Department Hospitals. If distributed by private pharmacists, the upper payment limit described above (actual cost plus dispensing fee) is not exceeded.

2. Outpatient Servicesa. Hospital

Reimbursement to Virgin Island Hospitals is provided on the basis of a fee schedule approved by the State legislature.

b. Rural Health Clinic

"Provider clinics" will be reimbursed on the basis of the principles specified in the Medicare Regulations located at 42 CFR 405. "Non-provider" clinics will be paid for each ambulatory service, other than rural health clinic services at rates or charges established by the State, subject to the upper payment limits specified in 42 CFR 447 Subpart D. Rural health clinic services will be paid at the Medicare reimbursement rate per visit, as specified in 42 CFR 405.

c. Federally Qualified Health Care Centers

These will be reimbursed on the basis of the principles specified in the Medicare regulations at 42 CFR 405.

3. Other Laboratory and X-Ray Services

- a. Reimbursement to the V. I. hospitals is provided on the basis of a fee schedule approved by the State legislature.
- b. The cost is based on customary or prevailing charges or negotiated rates, if the services are rendered by outside providers or independent laboratories.

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- a. *Screening package fee approved by Commissioner of Health.*
- b. *Other diagnostic and treatment services based on fee schedule approved by State legislature.*
- c. *See Attachment 4.19B, Page 2.1*

5. *Family Planning*

*Reimbursement based on inclusive fee approved by Commissioner of Health.*

6. *Physicians', Dentists' and Other Practitioners' Services*

- a. *Not to exceed the reasonable charges determined under Title XVIII, Part B of the Social Security Act, for non-staff doctors rendering services to Medicare/Medicaid patients within the Virgin Islands.*
- b. *Usual, customary or prevailing charges for physicians and other individual practitioner services rendered on a referral basis or outside the Virgin Islands.*

7. *Home Health Services*

- a. *Home Health Agency services are reimbursed based on a fee schedule approved by the legislature.*
- b. *Medical supplies, etc. are reimbursed on the basis of usual and customary charges.*
- c. *Home Health aide services are reimbursed on the basis of a fee schedule approved by the legislature.*

8. *Clinic Services*

*Reimbursed by fee schedule approved by either the legislature or Commissioner of Health.*

9. *Dental Services*

*Reimbursed for publicly rendered dental services, by fee schedule approved by the legislature. Reimbursement for services provided by private dentists are based on usual, customary or prevailing charges.*

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE/TERRITORY: VIRGIN ISLANDS

Payment Rates for Obstetrical and Pediatric Services are in accord with Section 6402 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989. (P.L. 101-239)

All Medicaid services are furnished through public facilities, and all public facilities furnish services. There are no true fee-for service payment rates. However, obstetrical and pediatric services (furnished through the public system) are available to Medicaid recipients to the same extent that they are available to the general population.

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Off-island facilities are reimbursed generally at the Medicaid rate of locality. Other rates are negotiated at (1) reasonable cost of services; or (2) the providers customary charges to the general public.

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10. Physical Therapy and Related Services

Reimbursement on basis of fee schedule.

11. Prosthetic Services and Dentures

Reimbursement on basis of customary rates.

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